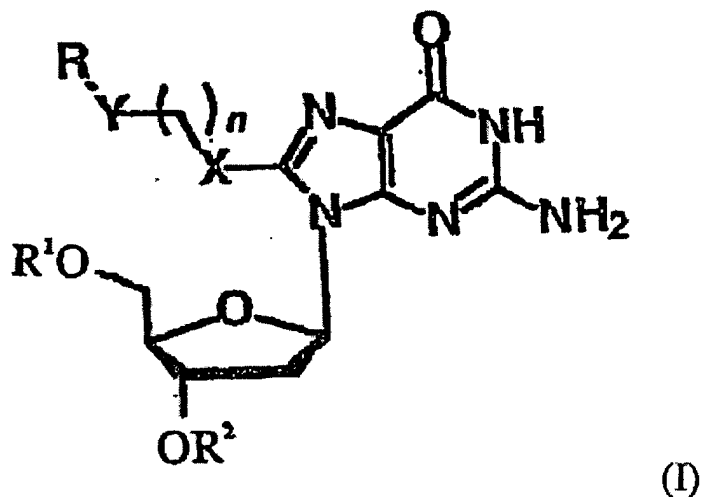


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A nucleoside, a nucleotide or an oligonucleotide, ~~containing~~ comprising:
a moiety represented by the following formula (I):



wherein X and Y ~~independently each~~ represent ~~NH-, -O-, NH-, N(alkyl)- or -S-~~;
wherein R represents a ~~functional unit, color-fluorescing unit,~~ a reporter unit or a
biofunctional molecule;
wherein R¹ and R² ~~independently each~~ represent a hydrogen atom, a phosphate bonding
group, a phosphoramidite group or a nucleotide; and
wherein n is 2 ~~a number of 1 to 10.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The nucleoside, the nucleotide or the oligonucleotide according to claim 1, wherein R represents a color-fluorescing unit ~~is a fluorescence residue~~.

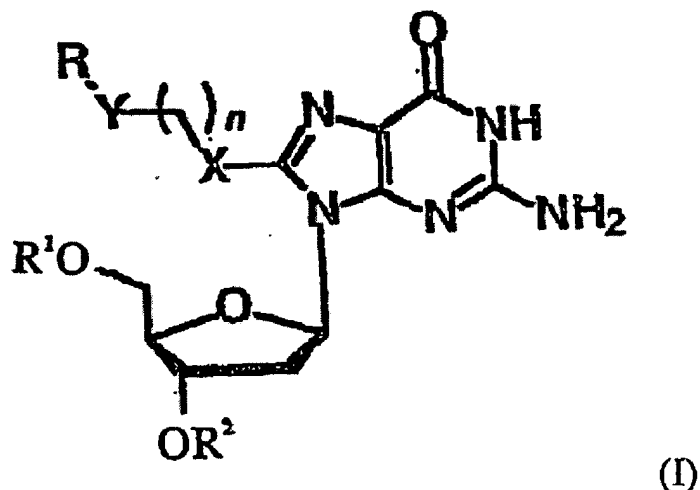
4. (Original) The oligonucleotide according to claim 1, wherein the oligonucleotide contains 10 to 100 bases.

5. (Previously Presented) The oligonucleotide according to claim 4, wherein the oligonucleotide is double-stranded and contains at least one base having an electron-donating group in a complementary chain.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of releasing ~~[[the]]~~ an R group moiety in ~~[[the]]~~ a nucleotide moiety, said method comprising:

oxidizing an oligonucleotide moiety,

wherein said oligonucleotide moiety is represented by the following formula (I):



wherein X and Y ~~independently each~~ represent ~~NH-~~; ~~O-~~, ~~NH-~~, ~~N(alkyl)-~~ or ~~S-~~;
wherein R represents a ~~functional unit~~, color-fluorescing unit, a reporter unit or a biofunctional molecule;
wherein R¹ and R² ~~independently each~~ represent a hydrogen atom, a phosphate bonding group, or a phosphoramidite group; and
wherein n is 2 ~~a number of 1 to 10~~;
~~the method comprising oxidizing the oligonucleotide according to claim 1.~~

7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the oxidation is one-electron donation.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the oxidation is by photoirradiation.